

Public Entertainment or Arts Entertainment Activities exempted from licence

Licence is not required for the listed public entertainments or arts entertainment activities **provided that the organiser adheres to the exemption conditions**. Otherwise, organiser is to apply for the appropriate public entertainment or arts entertainment licence. **Please click on the various activities below for the relevant exemption conditions.**

1. Activities with conditions and requirement to notify the Police at least 7 days before the event

Non-arts entertainment

Certain performances

i. "Sing-song" (getai) / classical instrumental music performance (not being arts entertainment)

Any event (other than any constituency activity) wholly comprising

- "sing-song" (getai) 歌台

Which is not organized in celebration of the Seventh Month Festival of the Chinese Lunar calendar, in any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise, is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- ii. the event commences not earlier than 11 a.m. and ends not later than 10.30 p.m.;
- iii. not more than 4 loudspeakers are used during the event;
- iv. any loudspeaker used during the event is inclined downwards and positioned to face the audience;
- v. any stage, structure, shed or fixture used or to be used for the event is not —
 - A. installed, erected or constructed; or
 - B. removed or dismantled,

between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.;

- vi. no vulgar or obscene gesture or remark is made by any of the performers;
- vii. no vulgar or obscene song is performed;
- viii. the performers are not indecently attired;
- ix. in the case of "sing-song" (getai)
 - A. the performers do not mingle with the audience in any manner during their performance or while dressed in their performance attire;
 - B. the event shall not be held at the same place for more than 3 consecutive days within a month; and
 - C. where the event is held at the same place for more than 3 consecutive days, at least 7 days shall elapse before the event is held or continues at that place;
- x. no member of the audience is invited to the stage or any other performance area during the event;
- xi. the organiser of the event, or an authorised agent of the organiser, is present at the place of the event at all times during the event; and
- xii. the organiser notifies any police officer on duty at any Neighbourhood Police Post, Neighbourhood Police Centre or Police Land Division, at least 7 days before the event, in such form and manner as the Licensing Officer may determine.

Note: For events that do not meet the above conditions, the organiser is required to apply for an Arts Entertainment Licence from the Info-communications Media Development Authority (IMDA).

ii. **Certain events at hotels or shopping centres**

Any event (other than any constituency activity) wholly comprising —

- a. any performance of music, singing or dancing, or any combination of such items, by or for children;
- b. any display or exhibition using real-time transmission of the performance happening elsewhere (whether in or outside Singapore and whether in a public or private place) of any

- item, or any combinations of the items specified in sub paragraph (a);
- c. any magic show;
- d. the transmission of recorded music by any disc jockey; or
- e. any organised competition at games of skill,

in a plaza, concourse, atrium or lobby of any hotel or shopping centre, is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- i. not more than 2 loudspeakers are used during the event;
- ii. any loudspeaker used during the event is inclined downwards and positioned to face the audience;
- iii. no vulgar or obscene gesture or remark is made by any of the performers or, in the case of sub-paragraph (d), by any disc jockey;
- iv. no vulgar or obscene song is performed;
- v. the performers are not indecently attired;
- vi. the organiser of the event, or an authorised agent of the organiser, is present at the place of the event at all times during the event; and
- vii. the organiser notifies any police officer on duty at any Neighbourhood Police Post, Neighbourhood Police Centre or Police Land Division, at least 7 days before the event, in such form and manner as the Licensing Officer may determine.

Note: For events that do not meet the above conditions, the organiser is required to apply for either a Public Entertainment or Arts Entertainment licence from the relevant authority.

iii. **Fashion show / beauty pageant / bridal show**

Any event wholly comprising —

- a. any fashion show or beauty pageant in any cabaret, nightclub, lounge, discotheque or pub;
- b. any bridal show in any enclosed place; or

- c. any fashion show in any enclosed place (other than a cabaret, nightclub, lounge, discotheque or pub) where no swimwear or lingerie is modelled,

for which a licence is required under the Act, is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- i. no vulgar or obscene gesture or remark is made by any of the models, contestants or other participants;
- ii. the models, contestants or other participants of the event are not indecently attired;
- iii. in the case of sub-paragraph (a) —
 - A. the event commences not earlier than and ends not later than the operation hours of the cabaret, nightclub, lounge, discotheque or pub permitted by the Licensing Officer; and
 - B. barricades of at least one metre in height are provided at least one metre around the stage and any other event area;
- iv. in the case of sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) —
 - A. a raised platform of at least one metre in height is used by the participants during the event; and
 - B. barricades of at least one metre in height are provided at least one metre around the platform;
- v. the organiser of the event, or an authorised agent of the organiser, is present at the place of the event at all times during the event; and
- vi. the organiser notifies any police officer on duty at any Neighbourhood Police Post, Neighbourhood Police Centre or Police Land Division, at least 7 days before the event, in such form and manner as the Licensing Officer may determine.

Note: For events that do not meet the above conditions, the organiser is required to apply for a Public Entertainment licence from Police Licensing Regulatory Department.

iv. **Carnival games at fun fairs**

The operation of carnival games at fun fairs is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- a. the operation of the carnival games commences not earlier than 11 a.m. and ends not later than 10.30 p.m.;
- b. the carnival games do not have any element of gambling or betting;
- c. any generator used at the fun fair is placed within a barricaded area;
- d. the organiser of the fun fair, or an authorised agent of the organiser, is present at the fun fair at all times during the operation hours of the fun fair; and
- e. the organiser notifies any police officer on duty at any Neighbourhood Police Post, Neighbourhood Police Centre or Police Land Division, at least 7 days before the commencement of the fun fair, in such form and manner as the Licensing Officer may determine.

Note: For events that do not meet the above conditions, the organiser is required to apply for a Public Entertainment licence from Police Licensing Regulatory Department.

v. **'Lion' or 'dragon' dance**

Any performance of 'lion' or 'dragon' dance in any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise, is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- a. not more than 2 'lions' and not more than one 'dragon' are used during the performance;
- b. the performance commences not earlier than 10 a.m. and ends not later than 10.30 p.m.;
- c. the organiser of the performance, or an authorised agent of the organiser, is present at all times during the performance; and
- d. the organiser notifies any police officer on duty at any Neighbourhood Police Post, Neighbourhood Police Centre or Police Land Division, at least 7 days before the performance, in such form and manner as the Licensing Officer may determine.

Note: For events that do not meet the above conditions, the organiser is required to apply for an Arts Entertainment Licence from the Info-communications Media Development Authority (IMDA).

For the above Non-arts entertainment activities, the organiser is required to submit a completed Notification Form A via [GoBusiness Licensing](#) or submit a manual form at any Neighbourhood Police Post, Neighbourhood Police Centre or Police Land Division (Headquarters Station), at least 7 days before the event.

Constituency Activities

Any constituency activity wholly comprising –

- a. **any performance of singing, music or dancing, or any combination of such items (not being arts entertainment)**
- b. any display or exhibition using real-time transmission of the performance happening elsewhere (whether in or outside Singapore and whether in a public or private place) of any item, or any combinations of the items specified in sub paragraph (a);
- c. **magic show or comedy show**
- d. **transmission of recorded music**
- e. **any organised competition at games of skill**

Any of the above activity which is organised by or on behalf of a Member of Parliament and held in the constituency which he represents in Parliament, is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- i. the constituency activity commences not earlier than 7 a.m. and ends not later than 10.30 p.m.;
- ii. not more than 6 loudspeakers are used during the constituency activity;
- iii. any loudspeaker used during the constituency activity is inclined downwards and positioned to face the audience;
- iv. any stage, structure, shed or fixture used or to be used for the constituency activity is not —
 - A. installed, erected or constructed; or
 - B. removed or dismantled,

between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.;

- v. no vulgar or obscene gesture or remark is made by any of the performers;
- vi. no vulgar or obscene song is performed;
- vii. the performers are not indecently attired;
- viii. in the case of sub-paragraph (a), the performers do not mingle with the audience in any manner during their performance or while dressed in their performance attire;
- ix. the organiser of the constituency activity, or an authorised agent of the organiser, is present at all times during the constituency activity; and
- x. the organiser notifies any police officer on duty at any Neighbourhood Police Post, Neighbourhood Police Centre or Police Divisional Headquarters, at least 7 days before the constituency activity, in such form and manner as the Licensing Officer may determine.

Note: For events that do not meet the above conditions, the organiser is required to apply for either a Public Entertainment or Arts Entertainment licence from the relevant authority.

For the above Constituency Activities, the organiser is required to submit a completed **Notification Form B** via [GoBusiness Licensing](#) or submit a manual form at any Neighbourhood Police Post, Neighbourhood Police Centre or Police Land Division (Headquarters Station), at least 7 days before the event.

Outdoor Specified Arts Entertainment

- i. **musicals, puppet shows or recitals**
- ii. **performance of traditional or classical instrumental music**
- iii. **performance of folk or traditional drama, puppet show, folk dance or opera**
- iv. **performance of ballroom or community dances**
- v. **displays or exhibitions of art objects or paintings**

Any specified arts entertainment is exempted from the provisions of the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- a. nothing shall be included in the arts entertainment which —
 - i. is of a religious nature;
 - ii. denigrates any race or religion; or
 - iii. is likely to cause feelings of enmity, ill-will or hostility
between different racial or religious groups in Singapore;
- b. no violent, lewd or obscene act, song, remark, message, display or exhibit shall be made, performed or included in the arts entertainment;
- c. there shall be no transvestite performance in the arts entertainment;
- d. nothing in the arts entertainment shall contravene any other written law;
- e. any approval, authorisation, consent, licence or permit necessary for the provision of the arts entertainment shall be obtained before the commencement of the arts entertainment; and
- f. where the arts entertainment is to take place outdoors —
 - i. nothing shall be included in the arts entertainment which is directed towards a political end;
 - ii. the organiser of the arts entertainment shall notify any police officer on duty at any Neighbourhood Police Post, Neighbourhood Police Centre or the Police Land Division of the arts entertainment, at least 7 days before the arts entertainment, in such form and manner as the Licensing Officer may determine;
 - iii. no more than 2 loudspeakers shall be used for or in connection with the arts entertainment;
 - iv. any loudspeaker used shall be inclined towards the audience or participants, or otherwise positioned to face the audience or participants;
 - v. the arts entertainment shall commence not earlier than 11.00 a.m. and end not later than 10.30 p.m.; and
 - vi. the organiser of the arts entertainment shall take all reasonable measures to ensure public order and public safety at all times.

Note:

Types of Specified Arts Entertainment:

7. Arts entertainment for children aged 12 years or below, including but not limited to musicals, puppet shows and recitals of stories.
8. Performances of instrumental music, including but not limited to orchestral or ensemble works, and traditional music or folk music using ethnic musical instruments.
9. Performances of classical music of ethnic origin, choral music, jazz music, "Dondang Sayang" and "Dikir Barat".
10. Performances of traditional drama or folk drama, including but not limited to "Bangsawan", Chinese "cross-talk" and Shakespearean plays.
11. Performances of traditional puppetry or folk puppetry, including but not limited to "Wayang Kulit", Chinese classical puppet shows and Punch and Judy puppet shows.
12. Performances of traditional dance, or folk dance in original formats, including but not limited to "Bharatanatyam", classical ballet, Flamenco and "Ronggeng".
13. Performances of traditional operas, or folk operas in original formats, including but not limited to Chinese operas and Western operas.
14. Performances of ballroom or community dances, including but not limited to "Cha-Cha", "Foxtrot", "Rumba" and line dancing.
15. Displays or exhibitions of art objects or paintings, including but not limited to traditional or ethnic crafts, commemorative items (such as, coins or stamps), and paintings in various mediums (such as, oils, watercolour or acrylic).

For events that do not meet the above conditions, the organiser is required to apply for an Arts Entertainment Licence from the Info-communications Media Development Authority (IMDA).

For the above Outdoor Specified Arts Entertainment activities, the organiser is required to submit a completed Notification Form C via [GoBusiness Licensing](#) or submit a manual form at any Neighbourhood Police Post, Neighbourhood Police Centre or Police Land Division (Headquarters Station), at least 7 days before the event.

2.Activities with conditions but without the requirement to notify Police

i. Busking

Busking by any person in any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise, is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- a. the busking takes place only at a place designated by the National Arts Council and a copy of the letter of endorsement of the busking from the National Arts Council is displayed at a conspicuous area thereat; and
- b. during the busking, the person does not —
 - i. obstruct, or cause obstruction to, pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
 - ii. actively solicit any donation;
 - iii. use any sound amplification device, other than those that are battery-operated; or
 - iv. make any vulgar or obscene gesture or remark.

ii. Bowling in any bowling centre

Bowling in any bowling centre is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- a. no gambling or betting takes place in the bowling centre;
- b. a sign prohibiting gambling and betting at the bowling centre is displayed at a conspicuous place thereat; and
- c. not more than one jukebox is provided at the bowling centre for the transmission of recorded music.

iii. Seventh Month Festival

Any public entertainment which is organized in celebration of the Seventh Month Festival of the Chinese lunar calendar, in any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise, is exempted from the Act.

iv. **Pin-tables**

Pin-tables installed in —

- a. any bowling centre;
- b. any massage establishment; or
- c. any bar, billiard saloon, cabaret, café, discotheque, lounge, nightclub, pub or restaurant that is licensed under the Act,

are exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- i. not more than 5 pin-tables are installed at those premises;
- ii. the pin-tables are of a type approved by the Licensing Officer;
- iii. no gambling or betting takes place at those premises;
- iv. a sign prohibiting gambling and betting at those premises is displayed at a conspicuous place thereat;
- v. no person below the age of 16 years is permitted to in any way use any of the pin-tables at those premises at any time on any school day except between 6.30 p.m. and midnight;
- vi. no student wearing a school uniform or any part thereof, or a school T-shirt, is permitted to in any way use any of the pin-tables at all times; and
- vii. the person having control or management of those premises does not provide, or cause or permit to be provided, a change of clothes to any student.

v. **Demonstration of art and craft, sports or cultural activities**

Any specified demonstration in any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise, is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- a. the specified demonstration is not directed towards any political end;
- b. the specified demonstration is not intended to show support for or opposition to the views or actions of any person, publicise a cause or campaign, or mark or commemorate any event;

- c. the specified demonstration is carried out in a designated area or performance area and does not create any obstruction to the passage of any member of the public or any vehicle or vessel; and
- d. the organiser of the specified demonstration takes reasonable measures to ensure the safety of the demonstrators thereof and the members of the public.

Note:

Types of Specified Demonstration:

1. Balloon sculpturing
2. Calligraphy
3. "Congkak" (traditional Malay board game)
4. Cycling
5. Hoola hoop
6. In-line skating
7. Juggling
8. Kite-making
9. Martial arts
10. Mountain biking
11. Pottery-making
12. Rock-climbing
13. Skateboarding
14. Stilt-walking
15. Street-soccer
16. Top-spinning.

Note: For events that do not meet the above conditions, the organiser is required to apply for either a Public Entertainment or Arts Entertainment licence from the relevant authority.

vi. **Computer games centre at hotels**

Any computer games centre in any hotel is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- a. the computer games centre is operated by the hotel-keeper, or by the owner or manager of the hotel;

- b. the computer games available or provided at the centre are of a type approved under the Films Act (Cap. 107); and
- c. the computer games at the centre are played only by registered guests of the hotel.

3. Public Entertainments exempted from the Act

The following classes of public entertainments are exempted from the Act:

- a. all athletic meetings and sporting contests between persons provided by a school registered or exempted under the Education Act (Cap. 87);
- b. any academic activity undertaken by a school registered or exempted under the Education Act where prior approval in writing has been granted by the Minister for Education or any officer authorised by him in that behalf;
- c. all amateur athletic meetings and sporting contests between persons provided by a society registered under the Societies Act (Cap. 311);
- d. any exhibition of films in any cinema and in any other place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise;
- e. any public entertainment organised or sponsored by the Management Committee of the Kreta Ayer People's Theatre and held in that Theatre;
- f. any public entertainment (without any lecture, talk, address, debate or discussion) organised by The Esplanade Co. Ltd. in any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise;
- g. the transmission of recorded music in the premises of hotels, shopping centres, offices, clinics and shops, excluding the transmission of recorded music by any disc jockey or by the operation of any jukebox;
- h. the transmission of recorded music by the operation of any jukebox in any air-conditioned premises (not being premises for which a Class 1A or Class 1B liquor license is granted under the Liquor Control (Supply and Consumption) Act 2015 (Act 5 of 2015)) to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise;
- i. the transmission of recorded music in restaurants, except during any time when the premises are being operated as a bar, pub or nightclub as defined in rule 2 of the Planning (Use Classes) Rules (Cap. 232, R 2);
- j. the transmission of recorded music or playing of live-band music, or any karaoke singing, between 7 a.m. and 10.30 p.m. at weddings which are

- held in HDB void decks or along the roadside in non-HDB areas (including those held in the compounds of private houses) or in multi-purpose halls;
- k. the transmission of recorded music or playing of live-band music between 7 a.m. and 10.30 p.m at funerals held in any place specified in subparagraph (j);
 - l. the transmission of recorded music at any amusement centre, amusement park, billiard saloon, bowling centre, computer games centre, massage establishment, fun fair or temporary fair;
 - m. the transmission of recorded music at or in connection with any specified demonstration;
 - n. all pin-tables installed in the premises of the St. Andrew's Mission Hospital for Children;
 - o. all pin-tables on board any aircraft belonging to Singapore Airlines Limited;
 - p. any public entertainment provided at any S-League football match;
 - q. any exhibition of animals, including pet shows.